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St. James's, May 30.

SUNDAY the 28th Inſtant being His Majeſty's Birth-Day, the Celebration of it was deferred till Yeſterday: When there was a very numerous and ſplendid Appearance at Court of the Nobility, Foreign Miniſters, and other Perſons of Diſtinction; and at Night there were Illuminations, Bonfires, and other publick Demonſtrations of Joy throughout London and Weſtminſter.

Gibraltar, April 30, *O. S.* The Enemy have continued the Fire from their Batteries which began to play the 26th Inſtant at five in the Morning; and we have returned their Fire, with as great a Number of Guns, and above 100 Mortars large and ſmall, from our Batteries. By the neareſt Computation, the Enemy fired the 26th and 27th about 3500 Shot each Day; but not ſo great a Number on the 28th and 29th; and by what we can judge, their hot Fire had made ſome of their Guns melt. This Day, the 30th, the Enemy begin to fail of their Fire, having diſcharged only two or Three Rounds, and between every Round a pretty conſtant Fire of ſingle Guns. They have during theſe Five Days directed their Fire againſt Willis's Battery, the Old Mole, Britton's Battery, and the Queen's Battery; and have thrown Shells daily, chiefly at Willis's Battery, which has been much damaged: But the Ingeniers are every Night repairing that, and all the other Batteries. We have had killed ſince the Beginning of the Siege about 26 Men, and about 30 wounded.

Hague, June 6, *N. S.* Laſt Tueſday Night a Courier arrived here, being diſpatched by M. Boreel Ambaſſadour of the States General at Paris, with the Preliminary Articles for a General Pacification, ſigned by him with the Miniſters Plenipotentiary of the Emperour, Great Britain, and France; which has occaſioned great Joy in theſe Provinces.

Whitehall, May 30.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to order Letters Patents to be paſſed under the Great Seal of Ireland, for granting the Dignity of a Viſcount of that Kingdom to the Right Honourable Joſeph Baron Micklethwait, of Portarlington in the ſaid Kingdom, by the Name, Stile and Title of Viſcount Micklethwait of Longford, in the County of Longford, in the ſaid Kingdom.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to order Letters Patents to be paſſed under the Great Seal of Ireland, for granting the Dignity of a Baron and Viſcount of the ſaid Kingdom to John Monckton of Serlby in the County of Nottingham, Eſq; by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron of Killard in the County of Clare, and Viſcount of Gallway in the County of Gallway in the ſaid Kingdom.

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